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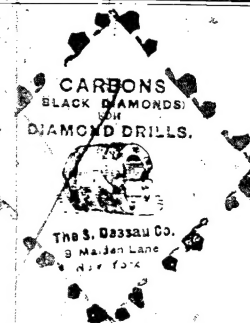
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The new council convened Monday afternoon, Jan. 8, and proceeded to appoint committees. The Finance committee is Edmison, Cameron, Rice, Deacon and Hudson; board of works, McQuarrie, Deacon, Hudson, Cameron; fire water and light, Edmison, Hudson, McQuarrie, Deacon; police and by-law, Rice, McQuarrie, Cameron, Edmison; Court of revision, Deacon, McQuarrie, Edmison, Mayor McCarthy and Hudson.

A number of communications were received.

Couns. McQuarrie and Hudson made a motion that the council grant a donation of fifty dollars each to Messrs. Hodgins and Brand, our townsmen, who are about to depart for South Africa as soldiers of the Queen. This motion carried, after which the council adjourned till 8 o'clock p.m.

MEETING AT 8 P.M.

At the second meeting on motion of Rice and Edmison, D. A. Pender and W. P. Murphy were appointed auditors for 1900 at a salary of \$50 each. On motion of Cameron and Deacon, P. H. Austin was appointed assessor and collector at a salary of \$200.

Report of finance and board of works committees were read and the mayor and clerk were instructed to issue warrants for the amounts recommended. Following is the report of the finance committee: We have elected Jas. E. Rice chairman for the year 1900. We recommend for payment the following several amounts:

Klippert & Johnson	\$75 11
Municipal World	9 63
Miss Flora McMurphy	5 00
P. H. Clark	11 50

ask for tenders for printing for the town of Rat Portage for 1900, tenders to be not later than 12 o'clock noon, Jan. 19.

Edmison gave notice of his intention to introduce at next meeting a bylaw to repeal bylaw No. 240 and to introduce a bylaw relating to town officials.

The bylaw to establish a lockup was discussed in committee of the whole. Hudson moved that clauses 2, 3 and 4 be struck out, which carried.

Moved after rising by Rice and Edmison that rules be suspended and bylaw be read for the third time as amended. Carried.

Motion made by Rice and Edmison that bylaw 250 being read a third time be now declared law and adopted, was carried, after which the council then adjourned.

The new council is the most promising the town has had for some time and seem to be working together in the interest of the town. The prospects for the present year for the finances of the town are most bright, and we trust that our present members of the council will do all in their power, and that, by the way, should bring about good results, in the way of improving the sanitary condition of the town and providing necessary public improvements.

THE WESTERFIED MINE

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It will be a matter of interest to all people engaged in mining in this country to learn that there is a prospect of this rich mine resuming work full blast in a short time. This mine is considered to be one of the most valuable in the district and will be a great help to the mining industry when it gets going. The mine has a new 12 stamp mill all ready to be erected and will soon be provided with an air drill plant. The following letter from the president of the company operating the mine is relative to the annual meeting of the company recently held in St. Paul, and dated Jan. 9:

"At the annual meeting held today in the office of the company, the following named gentlemen were elected to serve on the board for the ensuing year: L. W. Part, R. C. Olin, S. D. Gutness and E. J. Palmes, all of Detroit; Cyrus Wellington, J. C. Edson, S. T. Schuster, W. H. Hall, N. C. Westerfeld, C. L. Baker and R. Stewart, of this city. There were 782,000 shares represented at this meeting, and the above board was elected almost unanimously. At the directors' meeting, immediately following the annual, the directors adjourned until next Tuesday when the officers of the company will be elected. We hope to put the company on a solid financial basis at once and commence work on the mine at an early date. Very respectfully yours, N. C. WESTERFELD, Pres.

PROMOTER'S DUTY

It is Often Misunderstood by
the Public.—Too Much
Expected.

HE SHOWS LIKHOOD OF MERIT

AND WORKS PROPERTIES WITH LEAST
EXPENSE ONLY TO SHOW UP
THEIR LATENT WORTH.

The following article was recently printed in the Seattle Times. Every bit of it applies so closely to facts and conditions in Western Ontario that it should be widely published and read.

"A mistaken idea prevails with many a mining venture that it must be a dividend payer before its stock can be said to possess any value; still others think that the owners of a claim or prospect are bound not only in a business but moral sense, to improve their holdings by driving long tunnels and crosscuts, constructing roads, tramways, cabins, snowsheds and even concentrators before attempting to put any stock on the market.

"Such people forget that it is not the province of the promoter, no matter how honest he may be, or how laudable his schemes, to develop mines into dividend payers. His part of the work ends, and ends with credit to his integrity and enterprise, when he has succeeded, by the least amount of development necessary, in demonstrating to as great a degree of certainty as can be reached in other legitimate enterprise, the presence of a mineral ledge of certain extent, quality and value and the probable cost of exploiting the same. To expect more than this of the owners or promoters of a mining claim, who are seeking to sell all or a portion of their holdings, is to expect them to make a free gift of their discovery, talent, time and effort. And yet that is the attitude assumed by Seattle capitalists today toward the local mining enterprises and mine promoters.

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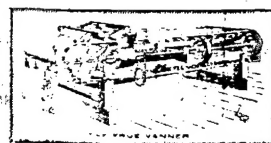
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J. W. Dealey	7 50
M. Seigmiller	7 50
J. K. Brydon	60 60
Blackwood Bros	3 00
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Edmison and Rice moved that the finance committee and mayor visit the Imperial Bank and make arrangements with the manager for local improvements account money. Carried.
Rice and Edmison moved, on recommendation of special committee, that A.S. Horswill be paid \$800 of his account of \$2,800. Carried.
Rice and Edmison also carried a motion that the chairman of the finance committee and the mayor arrange with the Imperial Bank for the temporary advance of \$5,000 for current expenses pending the passing of a by-law for the establishment of a line of accounts.

A motion by Deacon and Cameron that Hudson, Edmison and Cameron be a special committee to see about Mrs. Asmus, and that the mayor and clerk be instructed to issue a warrant for such a sum as is recommended in writing by this special committee, was carried.
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CROWN POINT MINE.

Work on This Mine has Been Rushed to Completion.

Mr. E. A. Barton, of Montreal, the secretary-treasurer of the Crown Reef Gold Mining Co., arrived in town on Tuesday night from the mine in the Shoal Lake country, and expressed himself as greatly pleased with the results being obtained on the Crown Reef mine. He found that the 5-stamp mill was ready to run and that the present state of development of the mine is far beyond what would be expected when the length of time the property has been operated is taken into consideration. It has been less than five months since the work was begun, yet in that time there have been camps and shaft houses, an office, manager's residence, and 5-stamp mill erected on the property. There are at present 28 men on the payroll of the company. Shaft on No. 3 vein is 73 feet deep and nearly every blast brings out free gold. A mill run will be made by Mr. Ahn, of about 10 tons, which he expects to have completed by the 22nd. He will endeavor to run on pickled ore. A mill run last fall at the Keswa reduction works on everything from the shaft gave a return of \$367 to the Co. It is expected that the present run will average much higher than the last. The contact vein, the fact is well known, and the show is very rich.

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BOOM IN STURGEON POE.

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What a contrast to such a situation does Spokane present. It is estimated that over twenty million dollars of foreign money has been invested during the past season in Spokane mining enterprises, and yet, with all their investments, there are but four dividend payers today among the properties concerned.

Spokane people have made the primary investments, at low rock prices. They knew full well they had not the capital to carry the enterprises through to a dividend-paying stage. It takes a great deal of money to pit any mine on a paying basis. Only in one instance has Spokane capital done this.

The method of Spokane people is to buy and begin development work on promising properties by the expenditure of a limited amount of money. In these expenditures all have contributed liberally at their means would permit—bankers, merchants, manufacturers, professional men and those working on a salary or day wages. There is hardly a man in Spokane but what has so contributed, more or less, and reaped a profit by so doing, hundreds of them having become wealthy.

This preliminary development puts the properties handled in such a flattering condition that they invite Canadian capital, from Montreal and Toronto principally. These secondary purchasers, with more means at their command, still further improve the properties, until they attract British capital.

The people of Spokane realize that the local promoters have not the means to make dividend-paying mines and do not expect such results from them. They have the perspicacity, however, to know a good thing when they see it and hence join fortunes with the prospector, miner and mine promoter, knowing that bread thus cast upon the commercial current will return to them four-fold. And when the time comes they are willing to sell at a figure that insures a margin to the second purchaser.

As an illustration the War Eagle and Le Roi are now held in London, leaving the Spokane promoters several millions in profits.

The Republic is another example—held in Toronto in transition to the British market. This time promotion left at least two million dollars in Spokane. In the Republic district many claims are today following in the footsteps of the Republic mine through the hands of the Republic mine promoters. The Republic mine promoters are today following in the footsteps of the Republic mine through the hands of the Republic mine promoters.

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THE BRITISH ARMY

The Field Marshall of the Army Gives his Views

THE ARMY NEEDS MORE ATTENTION

A TIMELY ARTICLE FROM THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW.

Resume of a conversation with Field Marshall K. R. H. the Duke of Cambridge, K. G., upon the Transvaal war and considerations arising therefrom.

One of the most striking features of the present situation is the steadiness and freedom from panic shown, not only as is natural, in military circles, but by the British public at large. This has been equally noticeable upon previous occasions when partial and preliminary reverses had occurred in the initial stages of a campaign.

Military students, of course, are aware that to meet with unchequered success with a brave and well-armed enemy is a piece of good fortune too good to be relied upon, for in spite of the skill of commanders and the valor of troops, isolated checks and reverses are as probable in a military campaign as in the conduct of complicated business transactions. Especially must this be the case where troops are dependent upon a long line of communication in the presence of forces numerically their superior, and where relatively small bodies of men are operating over a field of vast extent, and are necessarily occasionally isolated from each other.

This steadiness and freedom from panic upon the receipt of adverse news is akin to the spirit of the British troops of whom the French said in the Peninsular War, that they never understood when they were beaten. It is a gratifying fact, that the British public are unflinching, in the event of a reverse, rather to judge commanders hastily and without being in full possession of the facts of the case, or to lose heart because of some temporary and by no means irreparable check to our arms.

The same national characteristic of keeping a cool head in difficult and sometimes trying circumstances appeared during the long and anxious vicissitudes of the Peninsular campaign; although this was less remarkable then than now, inasmuch as there was no telegraph to flash imperfect and exaggerated accounts of events before they had even had time to assume some definite and consistent shape. There were then no "special editions" transforming some minor skirmish into a "centrifugal defeat" or an "overwhelming victory," and seeking by every artifice to seize the attention of the passer-by. Nor at the clubs could men cluster, as they do now, round the tape as it momentarily records the successive phases of an en-

Major with such disastrous results, is certainly undesirable. Occasionally this cannot be helped, but it is a practice which should be avoided as much as possible, and regiments should act, wherever practicable, as separate and undivided units under the command of their own officers. The same rule holds good as to the attaching of officers to other corps and regiments than their own. Sometimes this is inevitable, as the loss of officers in regiments which have been hotly engaged has to be made good from outside; but, generally speaking, it is a system to be deprecated as tending to weaken the intimate personal relationship between officers and men, which is an invaluable factor in the serviceableness and cohesion of a regiment.

This solidarity of feeling in a regiment, which is at once the cause and effect of long tradition and of a highly developed and carefully fostered esprit de corps, is of the utmost value to an army. It enhances and accentuates the general spirit of military devotion and discipline, and, while in no wise lessening the soldier's feeling that he is part and parcel of a vast organism, binds him by a sentiment of personal attachment to his regimental chiefs and regimental colors, and leads him jealously to guard the honor and to promote the glory of his own regiment, as something with which his own personal honor and reputation are indissolubly linked.

Hence, in large part, arises that eager emulation between different regiments upon the field of battle; that anxiety that their own regiment should be allotted the most dangerous position and the hardest task. Even regimental nicknames and sobriquets have, by the force of association, a curious power of evoking the soldier's affectionate devotion to the old corps to which he belongs and his attachment to the comrades who have served or who are serving with him.

Any changes tending to weaken or endanger this regimental esprit de corps should be regarded with disfavor.

Very useful lessons may be learnt from the present war as to the advantages of military ballooning; as to the effects of lyddite as to the adaptability to military purposes of Signor Marconi's wireless telegraphy; and, lastly, as to the ways in which armored trains should be handled for reconnaissance, and as to the extent and limitations of their utility.

There is certainly no need, which has long since made itself felt, but which the present war has emphasized, of spending money judiciously, but much more liberally than at present, upon the army.

The British nation, especially within the last ten years, has recognized the paramount duty of providing, without stint or penury, whatever is requisite for the efficient service of the navy; both political parties are of one mind upon this policy, and yet in harmony with each other in their determination to make the nation as strong as possible in sea and this policy is heartily concurred in by the country.

It may fairly be contended that the army should be treated in the same liberal and far-seeing spirit as the navy, and that provision for its efficiency should be a matter equally outside of party politics and equally unaffected by party differences. Such a policy with respect to hearsay should, indeed, be looked upon as a question

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("THE QUEEN OF TABLE WATERS.")

At the Head of All the Waters Examined for Purity and Freedom from Disease Germs."

Lee, his American bride; Mr. C. N. E. Elliot, C.B., second secretary; Mr. W. G. Max Muller, second secretary; Mr. Robert Barclay and Mr. A. E. O. Humphreys Owen, honorary attachés.

The good feeling between the two countries was further attested by the pleasure that was expressed at the fact that Mr. Elliot, of the embassy, had recently been made a knight of the order of the fighting saints, St. Michael and St. George. Mr. Elliot's management of the Smeaton difficulty, when he represented England as the commissioner to those islands last winter, was such as to win for him the warmest official commendation of the United States government, and to make him popular throughout the country.

A good many Canadians turn up at Washington from time to time. The latest arrival is Mr. Edward McKenzie, who was somewhat amused when asked what Canada thought of the alleged Fenian invasion of that country. "It is all newspaper talk," he said, "and Canadians are losing no sleep on account of it. We know from what source it emanates, and are well satisfied with the knowledge that the fiery warriors who are going to devour Canada blood-rav are wind-jammers of the 18th century variety, and that their talk of gore is guff. A few hot-headed individuals, who have deluded themselves into thinking that they have a grievance against England, no doubt realize that this would be a fine time to add to the complications of Great Britain by the invasion of the Dominion, and hence the incentive of no raid. But they will take it out in talk."

Another interesting visitor to the Capitol during the past week, was Mr. P. Labry, of Manchester, England, who talked entertainingly of the Boer war. "The end of the war will undoubtedly see England supreme all the way from the Cape to the Zimbezi," he said. "The Boers had every advantage in men, munitions and position at the outset, and they have won a few battles. But Britain's sea power will enable her to win in the end. Although the navy may not fire a single shot during the war, victory will be due to it, not only because it will make possible the transport of unlimited troops and munitions, but because it will prevent any European nation from taking part, no matter how much they may wish to do so."

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with the great majority of hens sitting along at about the same time, broilers came into market during a certain time of the year, just as vegetables formerly did, before we began getting them from the south and from under glass. There were some broilers scattered along before or after, but most of them came into market in the late spring and early summer. Years ago, and not so very many either, 20 years or so, there was a pretty well defined broiler season, lasting a month or six weeks. Then came cold storage, and by that means the broiler season was extended two or three months or more. Some part at least of the surplus broilers that would otherwise have been permitted to grow into spring chickens were killed and put away in the cold storage houses to be drawn on as required, and so the broiler season, or the period in which broilers could be procured, was materially lengthened.

Then came what is known as the hot-house broiler, an incubator hatched chick which is raised in a hot-house, and is ready for market in a few days. This is a very different thing from the broiler of olden times, which was raised in a cold-house, and was not ready for market until it had grown into a spring chicken. The hot-house broiler is a very different thing from the broiler of olden times, which was raised in a cold-house, and was not ready for market until it had grown into a spring chicken.

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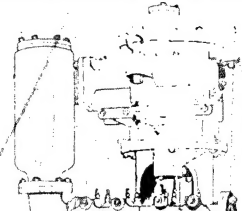


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That the national nerves should be strong enough to stand such a constant series of electric shocks is a matter for congratulation. What was true of the calmness of the nation, and of the army during the Boer war was also true at the time of the Guinea, in spite of the invention of the telegraph; and it remains true now, notwithstanding the subsequent abnormal growth of a popular sensational and enterprising press.

Not but that the great services rendered to the country by the press in time of war must be fully admitted. Imperfect accounts are better than vague rumors; and sensational exaggeration is a less evil than paralyzing uncertainty and total absence of news. Now, at any rate, the friends and relatives of our gallant soldiers are not, as in the past, left for weeks and months without news of their whereabouts or their safety; and they have, at least, the satisfactorily satisfaction of knowing that in the event of those dear to them being killed or wounded, they will be spared the strain of prolonged and agonizing uncertainty.

Incidentally, of course, the testimony of able and trained war correspondents in the field enables a larger number of military students to follow the course and to profit by the lessons of the war.

This was notably the case in the Spanish-American war, when which no war has ever had as upon it so free and full a light of contemporary description and criticism.

Americans were happily spared the distress of serious or even of partial reverse; but the recollection of how manfully they bore the news of those terribly anxious days before their final triumph at Santiago, shows that there is a kinship between America and Great Britain, not only of origin and of language, but of temperament and of traditions of quiet endurance and persistency.

It is a delicate matter to express an opinion not only, as is of course natural, upon the course of events and upon the strategy of the present campaign, but also upon the manner in which the short service system, with its reservists, who in time of war can be called upon to rejoin the colors, had worked when subjected to the first really significant practical test upon a large scale which it has yet had to undergo.

The time has not yet arrived to express or even to form a judgment as to how this system works in time of war, and as to how it compares for efficiency with the previous long service system, with its smaller number of men, but longer and more continuous service.

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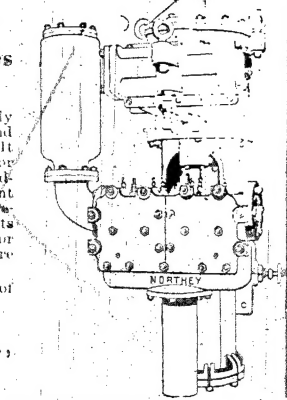
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The hen commonly stops laying during at least a part of the winter and begins laying again in January and continues to lay until early spring, when naturally, if she were not disturbed, she would begin to sit on her eggs and hatch out chickens.

When these chickens come to be big enough to weigh from a pound to a pound and a half each, dressed, they are called broilers, and as such the young, tender and delicious chickens are sold. The chicken, of course, remains at a suitable size for broiling only a comparatively short time, and when it gets too big for that it becomes a spring chicken, still young and excellent, but to be roasted or cooked in some other manner than on the gridiron, being now too big for broiling.

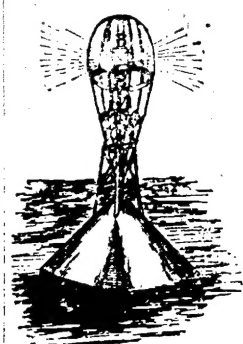
With chickens hatched out by hens and

Where It Was Needed. McSwitters—No, I don't want the encyclopedia.

Agent—Do you know any one around here who might?

McSwitters—The man next door. He's one of those fellows who know it all.—Syracuse Herald.

It is nonsense to say wealth doesn't bring true happiness when a fortune teller can be hired for \$1 to predict any girl's marriage.



A Danger Signal.

Just as the lightbulb is a signal of danger to sailors, and the red light to railway men, so has nature equipped individuals with danger signals of one kind or another when their physical condition is not quite right. It may simply be a tired feeling, a slight cold, weakness of the muscles, fickle appetite or some other sign—slight at first—which indicates that your condition is not a healthy one. If the danger signal is not heeded, serious results will follow and a complete collapse may occur. In nine cases out of ten the direct cause of the trouble is impoverished blood, or weak nerves. You need something to brace you up—to make your blood rich and your nerves strong. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills is the only medicine that can do this promptly and effectively. They strengthen from first dose to last.

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AFRICAN CANNIBALS

WORTHY PRACTICES OF THE MAN EATERS OF THE KONGO.

The Victims Led From Place to Place, So That Prospective Purchasers May Mark Portions They Desire When the Killing Occurs.

Of the numerous instances that might be recorded in illustration of the organized traffic in human beings which exists, reference may be made to the conditions which hold in the district through which the Luongo river passes. This river, which constitutes a considerable affluent of the Kongo, empties into the latter river, on the south bank, at a point some 800 miles from the Atlantic coast. Within a short distance of the confluence is to be found a series of strongly fortified villages, representing the headquarters of the Ngoni, wherein plunders of slaves are imprisoned pending the periodical visits of traders from the Ubangi country, which is situated on the opposite side of the Kongo.

A visit to one of these slave depots at the mouth of the Luongo river reveals a condition of savagery and suffering beyond all ordinary powers of description. At the period to which these remarks bear reference, it was no uncommon experience to witness at one time upward of a hundred captives, of both sexes and of all ages, including infants in their wretched mothers' arms, lying in groups; masses of utterly forlorn humanity, with eyes downcast in a stony stare, with bodies attenuated by starvation, and with skin of that dull gray hue which among colored races is always indicative of physical distress.

In cases when a suspicion existed of an individual captive's intention or ability to escape, such unfortunate creature was doomed to lie bobbed with one foot forced through a hole, cut in the section of a log, while a spearhead was driven into the wood close beside the limb, rendering it impossible to move except at the expense of laceration. Other means to insure the prisoner's safe custody consisted in binding both hands above the head to the king post of a hut, or in binding the arms and plaiting the hair into a braid, which was made fast to a branch overhead.

At intervals these villages were visited by the Ubangi, who came in large dugout war canoes, and the process of barter commenced, elephant tusks being the medium of currency used in the purchase of the slaves. Upon the conclusion of this unnatural transaction the visitors retired, taking with them as many of the individuals as had been transferred to their possession in the tedious process of bargaining.

Upon reaching their destination the captives were, in most cases, subjected to many further ordeals, being exchanged into other hands, until eventually, after having been deliberately fattened, they met their tragic fate, and their bodies were consumed.

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Japan's Queer Stories.
Japanese are very fond of strolling through their bamars. You enter at one door and leave by another. Goods for sale are displayed on each side of aisles that wind through the length of the shop. Passing up and down these aisles, they lead you to the second and often third story of the building and then back again through different aisles, causing you to travel the length of the establishment many times. Finally you see the doorway a few feet distant, but even then you must travel this maze several times its length to escape.

Usually shopping is very careful in Japan. You sit around on the floor, and in some shops they bring you cups of tea to sip and a "hibachi" from which to light your pipe. Baltimore Sun.

The Bachelor.

A bachelor is a coward and a failure. He shaves and primpes, but is too cowardly to put his arm around success and press it to his bosom. He resolves to marry every day for 40 years, but when the hour for the duel arrives, when in the presence of trembling, rosy cheeks, when beauty shakes her curls, his courage cooies, and he flees the field without even learning of the cowpat that leads to matrimony. Better be old dinky 'Ramus in his cabin, where he holds old Dipsy's hand and asks, "Who's sweet?" and Dinah drops her head on his shoulder and says, "Bofo of us."—Shawnee Daily Chief.

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Amongst the most notable and marvelous records ever cured effected by Paine's Celery Compound in the year just closed are the cases of thousands who had been given up by physicians as hopeless.

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At the eleventh hour, when hope-

IN THE WRONG WAY.

Do Wonder the Captain Ran His Yacht Ashore.

The man who has "been 30 years along the wharfs" tells some queer old stories sometimes. In the barrens where Philadelphia's mariners most do frequent he is to be found with some yarn about the tortuous Delaware and its tributaries. Some of the anecdotes have in them good sense and logic, for the narrator is well known as the best informed marine statistician in this part of the world.

This sea prophet, however, has become famous by his delineation of the mistakes of captains who have sailed into these waters. He is evidently sincere in his telling, and the positive manner which characterizes the latter often stamp as genuine a yarn which might well put Baron Munchausen or Sir John Mandeville to the blush.

"You have all heard," began the 30 year wharf stroller to an admiring group of the shipping fraternity, "how a certain down east skipper negotiated for a charter here to load coal for Omaha and how the steamboat Major Heybold broke loose from her moorings one night and made her regular trip to Milford and return, including 19 stops, without any mishap, although there was nobody on board. She had been there so often she knew the way, I suppose. This is nothing, however, to an experience I had once on this river.

"Years ago I was a reporter for the Maritime Exchange. I used to get in a rowboat and go down the river looking for business. One day I got as far as Chester and found the Delaware deserted. I wired the office and asked what to do. They answered, 'Go down farther.' "About five miles below Chester I saw a schooner and recognized the old Yankee type. Coming closer, I saw the craft was aground, and in that is what I call a good story.

"I hailed the skipper, and he bailed me. I came alongside and boarded her. She was loaded with ice from Cherrystone, Me.

"'Young man,' said the captain, 'what is the matter with this cursed river of yours? I have been aground 29 times in the last six hours, and I am not drawing such an awful lot of water either.'

"'Where are you bound for?' I asked.

"'For Baltimore,' he replied, 'and if I don't have no better luck this will be my last voyage.'

"Of course I was surprised to hear that he was bound for Baltimore and in these waters.

"'Captain,' said I, 'let me see your chart.'

"He took me down and showed it to me. It was all marked up with pencil, showing the course he had followed.

"To my surprise, it was a chart of the Chesapeake bay. Would you believe it, but the old fool had sailed clear up the Delaware bay to the river by a chart of the Chesapeake and had got over 70 miles on the way without mishap? That's what he did, and I think it was the most singular of all the incidents which I remember, since I have been around the wharfs."—Philadelphia Times.

A Family Quarrel.

Family quarrels are always tragic for those concerned, but for outsiders they occasionally contain an element of comedy. This is certainly true of sundry families of the most primitive type. We quote a single instance from "Under the African Sun," by W. J. Ansove, a medical officer in the British service.

Imam Abulala Effendi, a Sudanese officer in command at Kibera, had seven wives and five children. I was sent to enforce a judicial decision in favor of one of his wives, who had lately been di-

MORTGAGE SALE

of Valuable

DWELLING AND STORE PROPERTY

Keewatin, Ontario.

UNDER POWER of sale contained in a certain mortgage, which will be produced at the time of sale, there will be sold by Public Auction at the Bay City Hotel, Keewatin, Ontario, by Howard Barnes, Auctioneer, on

Thursday, the 25th day of Jan'y A.D. 1900 at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, the following valuable Dwelling and Store Property, namely: ALL and Singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate lying and being in the Municipality of Keewatin, and being Lot Number Nine to the Block Number Fifty-Three (53) as shown on Plan of said Municipality made by E. Seager, O.L.S., and filed in the Registry Office at Rat Portage as Plan No. 11.

Upon the said premises is erected a two-story brick veneer building 18x46 feet, on stone foundation, suitable for a store and dwelling. The building is to be in good repair. The lot is suitably situated on the South side of Front Street, in Keewatin.

Terms: Ten per cent. of purchase money at the time of sale and the balance in thirty days thereafter.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to

ALLAN McLENNAN, Esq.,
Barrister, etc., Rat Portage
Solicitor for the Vendors.

Dated at Rat Portage this 13th day of December, A.D. 1899.

MORTGAGE SALE

—OF—

Valuable Residential Property

Rat Portage, Ont.

UNDER power of sale contained in a certain mortgage which will be produced at the time of sale, there will be sold at public auction at the Hilliard House, Rat Portage, Ontario, on Friday the 12th day of January, A.D. 1900 at the hour of 12 o'clock noon the following valuable residential property, namely:

All and Singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate lying and being in the District of Rainy River and Province of Ontario and being composed of Mining Location K8 containing 5 acres described as follows: Commencing at the northwest angle of said Mining Location K8 being in the South limit of the Western Lumber Company's Mill Location; thence due north astronomically along the West limit of K8 six chains and sixty-six links; thence due east astronomically nine chains; thence due north astronomically six chains and sixty-six links more or less to the North limit of said Mining Location K8; thence due west astronomically along said limit nine chains more or less to the place of beginning containing six acres more or less.

This property is situate on Coronado Avenue and upon it is erected a two-story double farmhouse, shingled roof, with stone foundation, and a stable, both in good repair.

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J. W. ST. JOHN,
Barrister, etc.,
Temple Bldg.,
Bay Street, Toronto.

Dated at Toronto this 15th day of December, 1899.

Sheriff's Sale

—OF—

LEASEHOLD LANDS.

UNDER and by virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias, issued out of the District Court of the District of Rainy River, and to me directed and delivered, against the Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements of C. A. Macdonald at the suit of D. W. Douglas,

I have seized and taken into execution—

1. All the said C. A. Macdonald's estate, right, title and interest in and to an undivided one-half interest in Mining Location (Leasehold No. 16, N. E. 1/4, and N. T. 1/4, northwest of Pine Lake in the District of Rainy River, being Leasehold No. 16, and known in the Land Titles Office at Rat Portage as Parcel No. 11.

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There is a prevalent belief among many of the riverine tribes of the upper Congo that the flavor of human flesh is improved by submerging the prospective victim up to the neck in the water for two or three days previous to the sacrifice. Indeed, upon two separate occasions it was my privilege to release several poor creatures who were bound hand and foot to stakes in the river.

In certain native market places, notably in the vicinity of the Ubangi, it is an ordinary occurrence for captives to be exposed for sale, in most cases with the sinister fate in view of being killed and eaten. Proportionately, a greater number of men than women fall victims to cannibalism, the reason being that women who are still young are esteemed as being of greater value, by reason of their utility in growing and cooking food. This rule does not, however, hold good throughout, for in the vicinity of the Aruini river our observations revealed a contrary order of custom.

Probably the most inhuman practice of all is to be met with among the tribes who deliberately hawk the victim piecemeal while still alive. Incredible as it may appear, the fact remains justified by an only too abundant proof. Captives are led from place to place in order that individuals may have the opportunity of indicating, by external marks upon the body, the portions they desire to acquire. The distinguishing marks are generally made by means of colored clay or strips of grass tied in a particular fashion.

The astounding stoicism of the victim, who thus witnesses the bargaining for his limbs, is only equalled by the boldness with which he walks forward to meet his fate. In explanation of the extraordinary indifference thus displayed it can only be assumed that death is robbed of all terror, life under conditions of slavery offering so little attraction.—Herbert Ward in Cassell's Magazine.

Not Disappointing.

"Anybody who knows enough," said Mr. Spillins, "can learn something from anybody else, however ignorant the latter may be."

"That is true," assented Mrs. Spillins cheerfully. "Now, I can occasionally learn something from you."—Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

Unfathomable Mystery.

"What is the greatest mystery of life?" "It is why a hat that looked stylish last year doesn't look stylish this year."—Chicago Record.

The proportion of genius to the vulgar is like one to a million; but genius without tyranny, without pretension, that judges the weak with equity, the superior with humanity and equals with justice, is like 1 to 10,000,000.

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At the eleventh hour, when hope had fled, and death despondency reigned supreme, Paine's Celery Compound was recommended by some good friends as a last resort.

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This past record of life saving is maintained and fortified by thousands of the strongest testimonials written by men and women now enjoying the full blessings of good health.

This glorious past record of Paine's Celery Compound as a disease banisher has given the wonderful medicine a place in the majority of the homes of Canada, where it is known as "The home physician." "The home protector against disease."

Are you a sufferer from any of the troubles mentioned above? Are you weak and nervous? Are you sleepless? dependent or morose? Have you periodical headache, poor appetite or faulty digestion? If so, try what Paine's Celery Compound can do for you. A bottle or two will give you satisfaction and delight.

Not Particular as to Weapons.

The waiter girl knew a thing or two about table etiquette, so she sniffed scornfully as she said, "It's not our custom to serve a knife with pie."

"No?" remarked the patron in surprise. "Then bring me an ax."—Philadelphia Record.

Leg A Solid Sore.

When it comes to healing up old running sores or long standing there is no remedy equal to Burdock Blood Bitters.

Bathe the sore with the B.B.B.—that relieves the local irritation. Take the B.B.B. internally—that clears the blood of all impurities on which sores thrive.

Miss D. Melissa Burke, Grindstone, Magdalen Islands, P.Q., says: "It is with pleasure I speak in favor of B.B.B., which cured one of my running sores on my leg. I consulted three doctors and they gave me salve to put on, but it did not help. Finally my leg became a solid running sore. In fact for nearly a month I could not put my foot to the floor."

"I was advised to use B.B.B. and did so. Three bottles healed up my leg entirely so that I have never been troubled with it since."

Familial quarrels are always tragic for those concerned, but for outsiders they occasionally contain an element of comedy. This is certainly true of sundry families of the most primitive type. We quote a single instance from "Under the African Sun," by W. J. Ansorge, a medical officer in the British service.

Imam Abialla Effoull, a Sudanese officer in command at Kibero, had seven wives and five children. I was sent to enforce a judicial decision in favor of one of his wives, who had lately been divorced and demanded her dowry back.

He at once told me how his undutiful wife, instead of serving him with dinner, had thrown it at his head and how, under the great provocation, he had divorced the woman.

I told him I had not come to hear an argument, but simply to enforce a sentence. As a specimen of what one has to put up with from the natives I give a few sentences of what was said on the occasion:

1.—You are to refund this woman her dowry.

He—Heaven knows I have done so already.

She—It's a lie! He has only given me eight grains of silk.

He—I call heaven to witness. I have nothing.

She—It's a lie! He has cows, goats and sheep.

And so the squabble went on. I listened. Imam trembled for his best cow, and finally I suggested five sheep as an appropriate amount and told him that if he selected the worst in his flock the woman should have the cow. Flustered at this, Imam brought out five beautiful animals, and, wiping the perspiration from his face, he entreated the woman to accept them and depart. This she was graciously pleased to do.

Ready For Fortune.

There are no miracles in a business career. The man who wins success has toiled early and late with all his powers of body and mind. He has been subservient to his ambition. He has pushed aside, because it was the first step toward success, every habit and desire that stood between him and his goal. No man was ever numbered among the successful ones unless he was waiting and prepared for Fortune when she knocked at his door. She has never yet been known to wait for any man or boy to prepare himself for her company. I know of no one habit that so thoroughly molds the character of a young man as the habit of economy. It gives him strength of will, it teaches him to look beyond an action to its final result, it continually reminds him that the pure, sweet, innocent pleasure of life are almost to be had for the asking, and that satan is not only a cruel, but an expensive taskmaster.—Saturday Evening Post.

Wide Awake Bees.

A curious incident of the bee world is reported from Hampshire, England. A cottager took two large bars of honey and a square section from one of his hives. This honey he put into a large pan and covered it with a cloth, placing it in an up stairs room of his cottage. During the day the bees got scent of the honey through the open window, and the whole hive entered and took away all the honey in an incredibly short time and stored it in their hive again. The quantity was about ten pounds in weight.

Strict Truth.

May—She says she can trace her ancestry on her mother's side back to the conquest of England.

Fay—That's correct. Her maternal grandfather was married in leap year to a man named England.—Catholic Standard and Times.

UNDER and by virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias, issued out of the District Court of the District of Rainy River, and to me directed and delivered, against the heirs and Chateaux, Lands and Tenements of C. A. Macdonald at the suit of D. W. Douglas.

I have seized and taken into execution—
1. All the said C. A. Macdonald's estate, right, title and interest in, and to, an undivided eighth interest in Mining Location (leasehold) N.T. 16, N.T. 17, and N.T. 18, northwest of Moose Lake in the District of Rainy River, being Leasehold No. 1936, and known in the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage as Parcel No. 139.

2. All the said C. A. Macdonald's estate, right, title and interest in, and to, Mining Location (leasehold) H.P. 167, lease No. 188, and known as parcel No. 133 in the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage in the District aforesaid.

3. His interest in Mining Location (leasehold) H.P. 161, containing 90 acres, Parcel No. —, in the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage, aforesaid.

4. His interest in Mining Location (leasehold) H.P. 168, containing 89 acres, and known as Parcel No. —, in the Lands Titles Office, aforesaid.

All of which I shall offer for sale at my office at the Court House, at Rat Portage, in the District of Rainy River, on Saturday, 24th November, 1899, at the hour of Eleven O'clock in the forenoon, being the aforesaid C. A. Macdonald's estate, right, title and interest in, and to, the aforementioned leaseholds, being Mining Lots N.T. 16, 17, 18, H.P. 167, 161 and 168.

Sheriff's Office, Rat Portage,
1st November, 1899.
W. H. CARPENTER,
Sheriff, District of Rainy River.

This Sale is Postponed to Saturday, 24th February, 1900, at the same time and place.

Sheriff's Sale —OF— LEASEHOLD LANDS.

UNDER and by virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias, issued out of the High Court of Justice, and to me directed and delivered against the Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements, of D. Morrah, at the suit of W. D. Douglas.

I have seized and taken into execution—
1. All the said defendant's, D. Morrah's, right, title and interest in, and to, Mining Location (leasehold) consisting interest of J. O. E. Douglas, known as leasehold Parcel 127, subject to the right of one A. E. Cline under an agreement filed as a caution against the property in the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage in the District of Rainy River.

2. A three-eighths interest in Mining Location (leasehold) A.L. 131, east of the Red Corners Lake, known as leasehold Parcel 193, subject to an agreement for sale thereof made by T. H. Gilmore, registered by way of caution in March, 1890, in the Lands Titles Office, aforesaid.

3. His one-quarter interest in Mining Location (leasehold) H.P. 61, known as leasehold Parcel 194, subject to an agreement made with one A. E. Cline, registered in the Lands Titles Office, aforesaid.

4. His one-third interest in Mining Location (leasehold) E.F. 19, containing 40 acres, situated near Partridge Crop Lake, being leasehold Parcel 195, in the Lands Titles Office, aforesaid.

5. His one-third interest in Mining Location (leasehold) D. 216, containing 45 acres, Mining Location E.F. 27, containing 40 acres, and Mining Location G. 218, containing 34 acres, being known as leasehold Parcel 196, in the Lands Titles Office, aforesaid.

6. Also the said D. Morrah's estate, right, title and interest in, and to, Mining Location (leasehold) H. P. 167, lease No. 188, Parcel No. 133, in the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage, aforesaid.

All of which, being the said defendant's, D. Morrah's, estate, right, title and interest in, and to the aforesaid leaseholds, and known as the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage, in the District of Rainy River.

I shall offer for sale at Public Auction at my office, at the Court House, in the District of Rainy River, on Saturday, 24th February, 1900, at the hour of Eleven O'clock in the forenoon.
Sheriff's Office, Rat Portage,
31st October, 1899.
W. H. CARPENTER,
Sheriff, District of Rainy River.

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Families waited on daily. All orders paid special attention to.

P. J. M. WOSLYNG, Proprietor.

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You may be confident of our judgment if we tell you it is good, because that's the only kind we keep and you want to eat.

Don't miss seeing our Display even if you are not out to buy.

Families wishing Meats by the quarter should see what we offer before going elsewhere.

To order numerous customers in Northern and Western we will deliver goods on a week throughout the winter season.

KOBOLD'S

Established 1880. Cash Meat Market

We wish Everybody a whole bunch of Happiness and Prosperity in the Year 1900.

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There are still thousands of acres of government lands in the states of Washington and Oregon, also prairie and timber lands near railroad and water communication that can be bought for \$8.00 per acre and there are no cyclones, blizzards, long winters or real hot summers, no failure of crops but always good markets.

If you wish to raise grain, principally, or fruit, or the finest stock on earth, you can find locations in these two states where you can do this to perfection. If you are looking for employment and wish to secure steady work at good wages, I can help you to do this. I have no land for sale, but if you want information about this write me at 199 E. Third St., St. Paul, Minn.

B. E. WERKMAN.

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Another half minute of play and the bell rang for half time the score standing 6 to 1 in favor of Portage. In the second half Portage scored in five minutes, then Rat Portage in five minutes and again in seven and a half minutes. Rat Portage scored 2 goals in four and five minutes. Rat Portage in two minutes. Portage one in thirteen. Rat Portage another in four minutes. The puck was just about to be fired off when the bell rang for time up, the score standing 10 to 1 in favor of Portage.

W. Rossbach acted as referee and continued satisfaction. Jos. F. Higginbotham officiated as time keeper. The contest ended up as follows:

Portage	Rat Portage
Wagner	Dalbuge
Walton	Johnson
Holmes	Blown
Snover	Phillips
Fullerton	Fraser
Claver	For per
Woolf	Martin

Brandon Came.

Last Saturday night our boys dressed in snags with the Brandon boys at Brandon. The game was very hotly contested and the Rat Portage boys should have had a few more of the goal keepers says as George Brandon a good shot should not have been granted. However, the score of 6 to 5 in favor of Brandon is the worst beating they have yet received on their own ice. We look forward with much interest to the contest of the two teams on Rat Portage ice tomorrow night.

Hockey Saturday Night.

There has been a large advance sale of tickets for Saturday night's game between Rat Portage and Brandon. A very hot game is anticipated. Our boys have been practicing with vim and energy which should be enough to make winning for Brandon but the home will be generous and sometimes takes very good playing to beat over. Considers everything the boys have a good chance for a win, and we trust they will do it.

Skating Carnival.

There was large crowd present at the skating carnival tonight. Many of the costumes worn by the boys were very elaborate. The boys were very much interested in the contest. The boys were very much interested in the contest. The boys were very much interested in the contest.

song entirely new to Winnipeggers. "Old Probs" will be presented as the second act, when weather of any sort may be secured while you wait. The Mandolin and Guitar Club will assist in the entertainment, also a musical team. A splendid orchestra has been secured, and under Mr. Mandolin's skilled eye, good music is promised. There has been an immense advance sale by members of the club and friends.

Asthma

Mrs. George Budd, Patman's Out, says: "I feel it my duty to commend the Chinese Syrup of 100 and 200 years old. I had Asthma very bad, I could get no relief to the many coughs. A friend of mine persuaded me to try this remedy, as he had tried it, and it gave me relief. I tried it and it cured me. I am thankful to-day to say I am a well woman through the use of this remedy. 25 cents a bottle. Family size 60 cents."

S. O. E.

The Sons of England lodge held the following officers at their last meeting on Monday evening: President—S. C. Sherman. Vice-President—H. Frost. Chaplain—Wm. Major. Secretary—E. J. Hall. Treasurer—J. M. Myers. Trustees—J. Noll, H. Webster. Auditors—F. Chappell, W. Gray. All members are requested to attend the next meeting to discuss important business.

SULTANA ACCIDENT.

Two Men Blown to Atoms While Thawing Dynamite—Property Damaged.

A terrible accident occurred early New Year's morning at the Sultana mine, by which two miners lost their lives. One Olson and O. J. Thellie, the former a Swede and the latter a Norwegian, were thawing dynamite at the second level, and while so, a rock was just what happened, it exploded and the water was too hot, and exploded the dynamite.

Two men were blown to atoms, and covered with tons of rocks, when the explosion occurred from the hole. The explosion was so great that the dynamite was blown to atoms. The explosion was so great that the dynamite was blown to atoms. The explosion was so great that the dynamite was blown to atoms.

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to its usual high standard. A large number of our townspeople were present to participate in the enjoyment, and all expressed their hearty appreciation of the kindness of the hostesses. A long program of dances with a number of extras made the dance last until the wee sma' hours, when the guests were loth to go home. A most delicious supper was served at about 12 o'clock. And we must not forget the ladies, which is an impossibility. They wore thousands and many wore handsome costumes, made especially for the occasion. Those who were present will never be able to say truthfully that there are no beautiful women in Rat Portage, for they were there—and plenty of them. And not only are they beautiful—they have also the grace and bearing which sets off beauty to advantage. The first of the season was most successful from every point of view, and the hostesses are indeed to be congratulated on their good management, pains and tact, which made such a consummation possible.

How One Gets Billious.

A sluggish liver fails to filter the bile from the blood, and when the poisonous matter goes through the body in the circulation, the whole system is tainted and demoralized. This is called biliousness and can be completely cured by Dr. Cass's Kidney-Liver Pills, which act directly on the liver, making it healthy and active. One pill a dose, 2 cents a box. The cheapest medicine in the world.

Week of Prayer.

This week the different churches have been observing a week of prayer. There has been a large attendance and it is thought that much work has been accomplished. Wednesday evening a large union meeting was held in the Presbyterian church, where Messrs. Tapscott, Kellie and Bonnie delivered entertaining and instructive addresses. Tonight a union meeting will be held in the Baptist church, at which it is hoped the attendance will be large. Messrs. Small and Storey will address the meeting.

Our Manager Married.

We met again a recent edition of the Montreal Conservator that Mr. J. P. Kelly, manager of The Mirror was married to Miss Kelly at Minnato on Friday evening, 24th. We much congratulate Mr. Kelly and trust that his marriage will be a happy one. We imagine the new Mr. Kelly's marriage will be a happy one. We imagine the new Mr. Kelly's marriage will be a happy one.

Terrence's Election.

Terrence's election was the subject of a statement made by the Terrence family. The statement was made by the Terrence family. The statement was made by the Terrence family. The statement was made by the Terrence family.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

To cure a cold in one day, use the Terrence's Cold Cure. The Terrence's Cold Cure is the best cold cure in the world. The Terrence's Cold Cure is the best cold cure in the world.

The Crisis-Eater.

The Crisis-Eater is a new and improved method of eating. The Crisis-Eater is a new and improved method of eating. The Crisis-Eater is a new and improved method of eating. The Crisis-Eater is a new and improved method of eating.

SHORTLAND Class, Monday and Thursday evenings. French Classes re-open Tuesday Jan. 9. Kindergarten (children under ten) commencing Saturday, Jan. 13. Private lessons in French and German, Music and English Subjects. Applications by mail to MISS FISHER, P. O.

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I have sold my stock of Boots and Shoes to The Gardner, Rice & McLeod Company, Limited, and after February 1st, 1904 my stock will be moved to the building now occupied by J. E. Rice, Main Street, where we will be glad to meet all our old customers.
January 9th, 1900.
W. A. McLEOD
2nd Street.
Agent for The Slater Shoe Co.

Beef Eaters
are not aware of the fact that while you are wrestling with frozen blocks of Beef and giving yourself a headache every day that you can get the Westland's Steer Beef frozen at GIBSON'S for the same price you are paying for the inferior article. Quality is increasing our business. Try a Roast or Steak and compare it with what you are getting.

Jas. Gibson's
Cor. Matheson & Fort Sts.

STACKED WITH
... Furniture
We are going to sell several car loads out of at for CASH. You never did, and never can, better our bargains.
Profits
Reasonable profits are as JUST as reasonable wages.
BUT
there are times when it pays to sell without profits—a word to the wise is sufficient.
Variety
YOU WILL FIND IT HERE.

Raymond Sewing Machines always in Stock.
Rideout & Turner
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STEAM LAUNDRY RE-OPENED
Having leased the steam laundry formerly run by Mr. P. B. Brown, we are prepared to do all kinds of LAUNDRY WORK in the finest style possible. We will be open Monday morning next. Our Mr. Howard has been several years in the laundry business and was with Mr. Brown the past 18 months.
Goods called for and delivered to any part of Rat Portage Keewatin or Norman.
HOWARD & LARGE.

SNAPS
Hall is my Tailor
In abundance at my House this month. You will get them. Come and see us; it will pay you.
Two Blocks South of
A. S. CUTHBERT,
Oddfellows Block. Cash Tailor
Bank of Ottawa.

Savage Indians of Mexico Who, Popular Tradition Says, Are Able to Run Down Deer—Race Between a Horse and a Human Greyhound

"Next morning everybody who could spare the time assembled at the corral. The wild mare was inside, circling nervously and snorting at every corner for an outlet. Endinas drew a line ten paces from the corral gate and told Pablo he must let the mare go over that before he started for her. Then a vaquero was sent inside to get the broncho started; and the bars were let

Ever we hear an echo—the march of our Northern Men
Laughing lads—delighted, the summons heard,
Sister manhood thrilled at the magic word
"Come thou and stand beside my man, it is not of need."

They have sunk nearly 100 feet and have demonstrated to a certainty that they have a large quantity of profitable mining ore. Stock is now selling

rans, are afraid of them and endow them with almost fabulous powers of endurance and desert cunning. "We were told that a Seri could trail a man across country by starlight and that they never used horses except to kill and eat and that they could run down a deer on foot. The deer story was repeated by everybody, but I never met a man who pretended to have actually seen it till we stopped at the Costa Rica ranch, owned by old Pascual Encinas, right on the edge of the Seri country. Encinas is the Daniel Boone of Mexico, and the man who solved the Seri problem for Sonora. He got a grant of land from the government and settled down right in Seri territory, surrounded himself with a small army of vaqueros and Papago Indians, as armed retainers, and fought the Seris to a standstill. Now they are thoroughly afraid of him, and never kill his stock if they can find any other brand on the range and never shoot his vaqueros from ambush with fish-poisoned arrows unless they happen to have some personal score to settle. As the old man and his followers have planted some 300 Seris in that part of the country it may be inferred that there are still some scores of that sort outstanding.

"Old Encinas is very fond of talking over his coffee and cigarettes after dinner out under the brick floored veranda of the ranchhouse, and he assured me that he had several times seen Seris run down deer on foot. His explanation was that they trail almost as well as dogs, running by eye, of course, instead of by nose, and that they can go at a lope and keep a deer's trail through the brush, no matter what sort of ground he crosses. One of them will start out and screw up a deer in the mesquite and keep after it at a swift wolf trot all day if necessary, never giving it a chance to stop for food or water. In the course of a day he will run it off its feet and kill it with a knife.

"The first time," said the old man, "that I ever saw a deer run down in that way was soon after I got well settled here. The Seris were nominally at peace with us for the time, and I had a lot of them working for me, as I have oft and on all the time. One afternoon one of them came to me and asked to get off to go hunting. It was well on in the afternoon then, and I said to him: 'Valen, you do not want to hunt. You want to get drunk on Antonio Morales's mesquite and not go to work tomorrow.' But he sulked around and said I wanted to starve him. So I gave him a little money to go home and get some food. He said he would go anywhere and probably take the whole lot of his fellows along with him if he was crossed. I did not think anything more about him till after sunset, when he came up, just as we were stopping work for the day. I said to him: 'Well, you have had a good sleep in the brush. I hope you are satisfied.' Said he: 'Yes, I did have a good sleep, and I dreamed that I killed a deer. If the senior will look over there he will see my son bringing him in.' I looked, and there sure enough was a boy staggering in with a doe on his back with her throat freshly cut. The Seri had nothing with him but a knife, and I examined the doe all over, and there

varas, approximately 300 yards, he could have her.

"Next morning everybody who could spare the time assembled at the corral. The wild mare was inside, circling uneasily and sniffling at every corner for an outlet. Encinas drew a line ten paces from the corral gate and told Pablo he must let the mare get over that before he started for her. Then a vaquero was sent inside to get the broncho started; and the bars were let down.

"Pablo was waiting just at the opening, guiltless of any adornment except a breechcloth and a big butcher knife strapped to his hip. It would be straining the term to call him a bronze - Adonis or Apollo or any other old Greek deity, for he wasn't. But such another human greyhound I have never seen. Standing 6 feet 4 and lean as Pharoah's knee, he hardly gave promise of the power that was really in him. Dark as a negro, but with long, straight hair falling almost to his shoulders, and his white teeth gleaming as he occasionally moistened his lips, he had a sinister look like one of the old Ethiopian strangers out of the 'Arabian Nights.' His powerful neck and great race horse chest were his most striking features, and if it had not been for those and his broad hips, his wasplike waist and sunken abdomen would have made him look almost delicate.

"As the vaquero rode into the corral the broncho mare started for the open gate. She sidled from the little crowd outside and swept around the enclosure again. Pablo was waiting at the gate, his foot braced against the post, and stooping forward with his hands on his knees, every muscle like a spring coiled up ready to be released.

"The red mare came round again at a gallop, and, as the vaquero made a feint at her with his rope, she swerved and dashed through the gate like a Futurity winner at the wire. Almost the instant she flashed by Pablo was in the dust at her heels, but it was a standing start against a flying one, and by the time he had got into his stride she had increased her lead to 15 or 20 feet. She headed straight across the wide, dusty clearing like a deer seeking cover, and the Seri at her flank going her jump for jump. It was a race for blood, a case of beast against beast, for the big, black, naked figure looked like a wolf more than a man, and bounded free like a wolf at full stretch.

"Half way across the clearing he had closed up the gap again. Then a long black arm shot out, and in a single spring he had the mare by the tail. With a powerful twist he threw her, and both of them disappeared for a minute in a cloud of dust. As it cleared away we saw the knife flash at her throat, and when we came up Pablo was complacently catching the warm blood in his hand and drinking it.

"The distance was measured, a scant 250 yards. No one held a stop watch on the performance, but I believe it would have cut considerably under any existing record." - New York Sun.

Hard to Understand.

"I can't understand Humpkin's German friend at all."

"Why?"

"Because I don't understand German." - Philadelphia North American.

THE CANADIAN CONTINGENT.

DEDICATED TO

Britain called them: Sons ever must obey;
Britain called them: Lo, they are up and away,
Up and away to the veldt-land-jungle and marsh and fen;
Ever we hear an echo-the march of our Northern Men.
Laughing lads delighted, the summons heard,
Sternest manhood thrilled at the magic word-
"Come thou and stand beside me, nay, it is not of need,
But that the nations may truly see we are sons indeed!"

CHORUS:

See them marching, list to the drumbeats fall!
Hear the fan-fan echoing bugles call!
See them march thro' jungle and veldt and fen,
God of Battles hear, for our Northern Men.

Every word of battle beneath the sea,
Binds us closer, Mother of Lands, to thee,
For of our own we've given-cities and western plains
Shout, "We are linked forever, bound with a thousand chains!"

Wide seas sever, hand may not join with hand,
But our hearts are far in a foreign land,
Mother, whose heart is broken by sorrows beyond our ken
Hold we your hands in silence, and-pray for our Northern Men!

-A. EVELYN GUNNE.

Market Square, Winnipeg.

R. HASLAM, Proprietor, late of Rat Portage, Lake of the Woods, Ontario. Solicits patronage of Rat Portage friends and others. First-class accommodations.

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Which while across the meadows, and the night—
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Not over all the unforgotten light
In the dear eyes of you.

In what strange pathways may your footsteps lie
I may not dream or know,
Only this joy comes in the dark to me—
That I have loved you so!

It was not much to love—O heart of mine,
All that was pure and bright—
Not of red wrath and crimson to resign
For resentment that is white.

It was not much to yield earth's gold and dream
For realms with joy replete
And in the darkness, clinging to a cross,
Find mercy at your feet.

So night is never night when the sweet thought
Of love is with us still.
It is love's cross our sorrowed, and limbs are
Laid, love is with us still!

O winds across the meadows and the night!
O stars that shine the blue!
O moon, sweetheart, who unforgotten light
In the dear eyes of you!

—Atlanta Constitution.

CURIED WITH A
WOODEN HAND

How a Bachelor Outwitted His
Sister and Got Married.

In his youth my Uncle David, according to my mother, was a flower of beauty. He may have been, but when he came to live with us he had faded and was a short, thick man of 50, with scarred eyes, the whites being streaked yellowish brown, a knobby face and a wooden hand strapped to his right wrist. But, as he had done well on the sea, he was still beautiful. As I was his heir presumptive, I was likewise assistant custodian of him, for my mother was ever one to guard her treasures.

My duty was to go abroad with him and see to it that no woman had private conversation with him, my instructions being, if they endeavored to do so, to hurry him home, resorting, if necessary, to pretended cramps, a sickness to which I was predisposed. And my office was not an easy one, for he had in his day been quite a blade and had never lost his edge, and the vigilance I had to exercise to keep him from harm would have saved a congregation of ordinary sinners. He would always wink his scarred eyes at the girls we met and occasionally stop to speak with them, despite, my tagging at his coat and having cramps. All his transgressions I would report at home, and my mother would then blacken the characters of the young ladies in question to a degree that satan himself would not have associated with them without wearing an amulet.

By these and similar means we saved him for a year, and might have saved him to the day of his death had I not been taken down with my first love affair and become correspondingly neglectful. How true it is that lovers are the temples of the gods! Being musky, I fell to pitying his isolation from female charms and was thereby led, on the 14th of a February, to sending him a valentine—a pair of plump red hearts spilt on a golden arrow. It I

breath, being much blown from walking and the tightness of his garments. "It is, As I said, I'm doing."

Though I saw that she did not understand the speech, she let us into the sitting room and asked us to be seated. It was the one thing my uncle should not have done, for as he touched the settle there were rippling sounds, and I knew I should have trouble in getting him out of the house. He was but little affected.

"She's let go all over," he said calmly and then, "Hannah Baxter, come here!"

"I won't," said Miss Hannah, standing on the other side of the fireplace. "I won't! Why should I?"

"Because you have done it again!" said my uncle. "After 30 years you've done it again, red hearts and all; you know what I said I'd do if you done it again."

Miss Hannah started. "I never!" she exclaimed. "I never!"

"You did!" shouted my uncle. "Ben-die, fetch her here!"

I hesitated, but suddenly remembering the watch, I sprang upon her and, catching her around the waist, began pulling her toward the settle, my uncle encouraging me by cries of "Bravo!" and by pounding on the settle with his wooden hand. She was no match for me, and so, though she fought valiantly, I soon landed her on the settle. Then, to my horror, my uncle grabbed her and repeatedly kissed her on whatever part of the face came conveniently to his lips, for she still struggled, though hardly as a virgin of 50 should have struggled.

Seeing this brought me to my senses, and I flew at them and tried to tear her from him, but as she evinced no desire to be liberated, and as my uncle beat me soundly on the head with his wooden hand, I desisted and took to cramps on the floor. This had no effect whatever, so I recovered, and, rushing from the house, ran to the church where my mother was, and, dashing up the aisle, whispered to her the dreadful news that Uncle David was kissing Miss Hannah Baxter.

Never will I forget the look that overspread her face. Ever a woman of prompt thought and action, she then and there boxed my ears and, this done, hurried out and ran as fast as she could to Miss Hannah's, I following.

But we were too late. The doors and shutters were locked and all in vain did we pound for admittance. Not a word, not a sound, came from within the house. My mother's agitation was terrible. I was glad when she left off beating on the door and fell to beating me, for I knew that she would feel better for it, and that I would have so much less to receive later on. Notwithstanding, I cried loudly, and, church having been hastily dismissed, a crowd quickly gathered and as I was crying "Murder" the rumor got about that Miss Hannah was murdering Uncle David. Some of the men were for breaking down the door and would certainly have done so had not my uncle, flanked by Miss Hannah, bearing a lamp, appeared at an upper window.

"David Hamilton!" screamed my mother on seeing him. "Come out of



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"She's aboard," he said, peering out. "There's a light on her port side."

"A what?" said I, knowing I must report the remark.

He made no reply, but came back to his chair.

"Bennie," he said presently, "did you ever get a valentine?"

"No, sir," said I faintly. "Did you?"

He did not answer.

"Do you know when you are going to wear a watch?" he asked suddenly.

"I was going to say when he died, but thought better of it."

"I do," he went on, "tomorrow. It is in my chest. It doesn't go, but when you want to know the time you can run back and find out."

"Of course," I exclaimed joyfully. "Why not?"

"Answer yourself," he said. "Tomorrow it is yours. Tonight we are going out. Fetch me my feathers."

I got between him and the door.

"Come to think," he said, exclaiming sharply, "the watch does go, and there is a chain to it."

Ever got only an apple. What would she have done for a watch? Without a word I brought him his best suit, which he always spoke of as his feathers, from the press in my mother's room and where she was keeping it against his funeral.

"You can't get them on," I said hopefully, noting their size.

"No more have I for 30 years," he answered, "but I can pull in. If you have me ripping, look sharp and turn me the other way. There is a charm to the chain."

He shouldn't have mentioned the charm, for the rapidity with which I got him into his clothing damaged his wits, but when I had him crowded into them he looked fine, barring alarming symptoms of suddenly coming out of them at all points. As soon as he was dressed we started, taking along his great coat, to be used in case of accident.

A square down the street we stopped. Then my heart beat comfortably. It was Miss Hannah Baxter's house, and I did not consider Miss Hannah at all dangerous, she being my mother's bosom friend and with a reputation as a man hater, having once in public meeting prayed for the saving of men, whom she designated as deformed devils. In response to my uncle's knock, Miss Hannah opened the door.

"The Lord save us!" she exclaimed indignantly. "It is you?"

"Yes," said my uncle, "shopping for

was crying 'Murder!' the rumor got about that Miss Hannah was murdering Uncle David. Some of the men were for breaking down the door and would certainly have done so had not my uncle, flanked by Miss Hannah, bearing a lamp, appeared at an upper window.

"David Hamilton!" screamed my mother on seeing him. "Come out of that!"

"I will not!" shouted my uncle defiantly.

"You shall!" screamed my mother. "Come home!"

For answer my uncle deliberately put his arm around Miss Hannah and kissed her. My mother faltered, but no sooner had she touched the ground than she was again on her feet.

"Stop it!" she screamed. "Stop it! You ain't married!"

He again kissed Miss Hannah.

"Break down the door!" commanded my mother.

It was an exciting moment. Although half of the crowd were laughing, some of the men threw themselves against the door. My uncle leaned over the window sill.

"We ain't married!" he shouted, "but we're going to be, and there isn't a guy power on earth can stop it, because I'm not coming out," and he shook his fist in the direction of my mother.

"Hannah Baxter and me," he continued, "has been fools for over 30 years. The why is no one's business, but we've got over it, and there ain't no power on earth can stop it, because I'm not coming out," and again he shook his fist in the direction of my mother, who was now hammering on the door.

"Is the preacher among you?" he shouted.

The preacher was pushed forward, realizing that if the day were to be saved, I must save it. I fell in a premeditated fit under the window. When I got back, drenched and shivering from the pump, whether kind hands had conveyed me, the crowd was cheering, and my uncle and Miss Hannah were bowing from an upper window.

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When looked at under the microscope, the upper edge of the lower wing is seen to be re-enforced as though it had an extra plate or rib stretched along there, and to this rib, spaced apart at regular intervals, though they are all contained within a total space of little more than a quarter of an inch, there are attached 19 or 20 tiny, bony books. There is a little thickening at the base of each book, where nature has strengthened it, and one is inclined to regard the books as inset separately and to look for the rivets wherewith they were secured to the plate or rib from which they spring.

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Mr. Frank Cornish, of Jacob Hoss's

statement for the week ending Jan. 6. Under treatment Dec. 30, 10; admitted during week, 3; discharged, 2; deaths, 0.

The secretary of the Royal Jubilee Hospital, acknowledges with thanks the receipt of \$25 donation from Lieut. Gen. Sir Henry Wilkinson.

W. J. Curtis, piano and organ tuner, is in town. All orders left with J. E. Klippert & Co. furniture store, will receive prompt attention.

Ladies, don't forget the medical talk at 330 Monday afternoon in the lecture room of the Presbyterian church. The home department of the W.C.T.U. extends a cordial invitation to all.

For a musical, merry, and mirthful treat go and see the Odd Fellows' Minstrels tomorrow evening at the Hillard Opera House.

W. W. Alston, piano tuner, Winnipeg, is in town. Orders left at the Mason & Risch Piano Co. will receive prompt attention.

Mr. S. S. Cummins returned Wednesday night from spending the holidays in Winnipeg.

With the Mining Public

Mr. N. McMillan, manager of the McKinnon mine left Saturday night for a trip to Montreal and other eastern points.

Mr. Jas. D. Rayburn, manager of the Virginia mine was in town Monday. He reports that everything is working in good shape at that mine. The shaft is 20 feet deep and the showing is as good as, ever. Considerably drifting has been done and the mine will soon be opened up enough so as to require a mill. The sinking will be carried to the 300 foot level.

Geo. W. Armour and Major Whiteley are sinking a couple of hundred foot shafts on the Gah property above Sturgeon Falls in the Seine river.

Capt. O. B. Robinson of the Foley mine arrived in town Tuesday night from Mine Centre by way of St. Paul and Minneapolis. He reports that the mining industry in that section is very active. There are a number of mines being worked and the results obtained from development are universally good. The boom which characterized the earlier periods of the development of the country has been entirely eliminated and it has now got down to steady business. The results are highly gratifying.

Mr. Haworth, M.E., representing an English corporation is here to inspect and report on the Scramble mine. If he reports favorably, of which there can be little doubt, the English concern will doubtless take over the Scramble.

R. A. Demmi, of Detroit, Mich., of the Foley, will arrive in Rat Portage in a few days to discuss with Mr. Strong, of the Sultana, matters relating to the opening up of the former mine.

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Mr. H. Kirkpatrick, late representative

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ed E. H. Insull auditor for the year 1900.

Moved by Fraser and Armstrong, that John A. Fletcher be and is hereby appointed assessor of the municipality of Kerwatin for the year 1900 at a salary of \$50.

Moved by Walls and Fraser, that Walter Eastwood be appointed sanitary inspector for the year 1900 at a salary of \$50.

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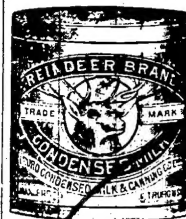
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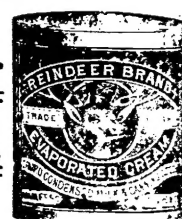
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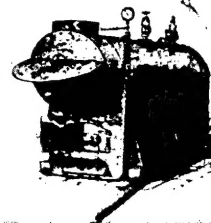
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Remember the Old Fellows' Min-strel entertainment tomorrow night at the opera house.

G. M. Gould, C.P.R. operator at Keewatin, has been transferred to the Rat Portage station. Mr. Miller went east Tuesday evening.

Rev. Father Poitras entertained the choir of the Catholic church at dinner Sunday evening last. About 25 persons were present and a very pleasant time was spent.

Mr. H. S. Kingdon, a son of Captain H. Kingdon, who has been in Victoria for the past two years, returned this week for a visit home.

Mr. J. H. Murphy, late of John Goodner & Co., has secured a lucrative position as accountant at the Sultana mine. He left Tuesday last to assume his new duties.

The minstrel troupe is composed of Winnipeg artists, and you should not miss it.

The election of officers for Branch 211, of the C.M.B.A., took place at their last meeting, held in Rice's hall, as follows: President, J. H. Murphy; 2nd vice-president, H. L. Ingram; 2nd vice-president, L. Cardinal; recording secretary, J. M. Cardinal; financial secretary, T. Rucan; marshal, A. Goodline; guard, Jos. Bernier. The members have invitations for a social for the 10th inst.

The officers of Rainy River Lodge No. 16, A.O.U.W., were installed on Tuesday evening last. After the ceremony of installation a sumptuous supper was served and afterward a little concert was held, the master workman Brother Judge Chapple acting as chairman. A very pleasant evening was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Mather left for New York via Winnipeg and St. Paul Monday, intending to be away some weeks. Their daughter, Miss Jean, will visit friends in Winnipeg during their absence.

Gov. A. Graham left for Toronto Wednesday evening.

Miss Sumnerville, matron of the hospital, returned from her tour of the west and Winnipeg 8 ton-entaining.

A has been received from the A. L. T. Co. of Chicago, Ill., for the purpose of holding an evening concert.

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THE NEWS FROM KEEWATIN.

Minutes of council meeting held in the council chambers Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1900. Reeve Geo. H. Kelly in the chair, and the following councillors present: John Walls, James Fraser and F. H. Armstrong.

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HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY.

Very Prominent Gentlemen on the Directorate.

A large company has been formed in St. Paul, to operate the big Homestake lead on the north end of the Mikado Peninsula, Platte River. The directors of the company are as follows: Cyrus Wellington, attorney Great Northern Ry.; Ronald Stewart, superintendent G.N.R. express; John W. Nelson, general insurance agent; W. H. Hill, ass. genl. freight agent; G.N.R.; James A. Kelly, superintendent Great Western railway; Fred J. Bowman, journalist; N. C. Westfield, capitalist; C. D. Pruden, manufacturer; and T. E. Birbeck, mine owner. All of the directorate are from St. Paul with the exception of Messrs. Birbeck and Bowman, who are from Rat Portage. This is a very strong company who will undoubtedly make a success of their undertaking as the property is certainly a most promising one. Mr. Birbeck is in town at present and he expects to begin operations at once. The mine is about 18 miles from Rat Portage, and is thought to be one of the largest bodies of solid quartz ever discovered.

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THE NEWS FROM NORMAN.

Rev. J. L. Small preached ably last Sunday afternoon.

F. Miller has taken over the barber shop of N. Falardeau.

The annual meeting of the congregation of the Presbyterian church to transact general business will be held Tuesday evening.

J. Link has been appointed caretaker of the new postoffice at Rat Portage, and will begin duties about the middle of February. Mr. Link has been for a number of years an elder and a member of the board of managers of the Presbyterian church.

Miss J. K. was a new member of the church, and a new member of the Ladies' Aid. So their removal to Rat Portage will be a great loss to Norman.

A meeting was held in the Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening. Rev. J. L. Small, Bonnie, Rochester and Keewatin took part.

Rev. R. Nairn is arranging for a lecture in the Presbyterian church, and "An Evening With Cranks."

A good time is looked for.